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1. The well-known restaurant "Bavaria", located at Boulevard Nicolae Balcescu No. 3 (formerly the Boulevard Bratianu), is currently called the "Dunarea." The restaurant "Soala", also on Boulevard Nicolae Balcescu, is now called "Republica." Cafe and restaurant waiters are no longer called by the old German name of "Chelner", but "Ospatari" (verb, ospata: to serve). 25X1
2. The former Royal Palace of Bucharest, now turned into a museum of the Rumanian People's Republic, was finished not long ago with the construction of a new wing. In Bucharest, the people are saying that it has been finished for the return of former King Michael. The Royal Peles Palace in Sinaia remains the same, with all the furnishings from the time of the monarchy. It is open to visitors, but they must be accompanied by guides who give long talks condemning the luxury of royalty and the bourgeois regime. 25X1
3. Religious teaching in the schools has been suppressed, although priests still, theoretically, have the right to go to hospitals to see the sick who express the desire to see them. At an emergency hospital in Bucharest, however, a scene was witnessed in which a Communist hospital attendant ordered a priest to leave because he was called to the bedside of a patient. On the other hand, a requiem mass was celebrated for Stalin in a Bucharest church. The Bucharest Emergency Hospital is the only hospital which is completely equipped; medications are of Western origin, 25X1
4. About 3,000 prisoners were recently liberated from Russia. A large part of them, having no family or having found their wives remarried, were placed in a large barracks at Colentina, a suburb of Bucharest. They are, for the most part, in a pitiful state.
5. It is said that certain material advantages were offered to young Rumanians who would marry Korean girls living in Rumania. Not a single candidate was known to have presented himself.

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